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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT:

**Proposed Project on Current
Chinese Press**

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1. Reference is made to your letter of 9 June 1954 and the accompanying proposed project on the current Chinese press.

2. Most of the offices in the Agency have been canvassed with respect to their opinion about the usefulness of the proposal. The consensus is that such a project would be of only slight, if any, use to the Agency at this time. Although it is true, as you have stated in the proposal, that a continuing independent appraisal of what is available in the Chinese press would be desirable in the interest of sound intelligence, it is generally felt that there are at present enough independent appraisals being made and perhaps too many.

3. Another factor that entered into the decision of some of our people not to support the [redacted] is the fact that two comprehensive proposals for surveying the Chinese press have recently been brought to the attention of the Agency. It is felt that it would not be feasible at this time to proceed with the type of project you have presented before we have determined what steps, if any, the Agency should take in support of a more comprehensive program designed to fulfill our major needs.

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4. It perhaps should go without saying that your presentation of this project and your continuing interest in serving the needs of the intelligence community are greatly appreciated.

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